

COMPANY C BOY WRITES WAR SONG

Frank E. Thacker, a member of Company C, has composed what is said to be one of the best patriotic songs of the present day. This song has been published by Julian Thacker, who was the composer of "Take Me Back to Dixie." The new song "The Man of Mystery," will be introduced in this city in a few days, and ten per cent of the sales will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Julian Thacker expects to personally introduce this song in the different cities in this part of the country and ten per cent of the sales in each town will be turned over to the Red Cross in each city.

Below is a copy of the words of the song:

"The Man of Mystery."
There's a man in the world
That keeps all nations in a whirl;
Some foreigners think he's a mys-
tery.

It is true they try to bluff,
But when e'er they show the stuff
They mighty quickly learn his his-
tory.

For he's known in every state,
And his work is wide and great;
In fact, he's known to bosom every
clan.

From the British to the Dane,
He treats all of them the same.

The man of mystery is Uncle Sam.

(Chorus.)

He's a big seven-footer, and he looks
good to me

With his high hat of stars and
stripes;

His smile is the emblem of liberty.

We need him in every-day life.

He's the dear old Yankee Doodle boy.

The sailors bow to him when they
say ship-a-hoy—

My country 'tis of thee, thru all
eternity;

He's got some small boys, tall boys,
gaudy boys and bawdy boys.

This man of mystery.

Insults from Mexico,
And there's been hints of embargo;

Now Germany has tried to give a
scare.

There's a man who knows his name—
"Woodrow Wilson" is his name.

Just sit steady in the boat, he'll
steer you clear.

He's the brains of U. S. A.,
And no matter what they say,

We'll back him up in every move
he'll make.

And for good old Uncle Sam
This mighty, mighty man,

There is no man but who'd die for
his sake.

CO. COAL BUREAU
MET IN MENDOTA

The La Salle County Coal Bureau, which was organized in this city on October 16th, held its second meeting in Mendota on Thursday. This organization, together with many similar ones, was effected in compliance with the wishes of Fuel Administrator Garfield, who let it be known that complaints must reach him thru organizations rather than individuals.

The following officers were elected at the Ottawa meeting:

President—Fred Scherer, Ottawa.

Vice-President—Geo. P. Nauman, Mendota.

Secretary and Treasurer—E. P. Elliott, La Salle.

The ladies of the W. R. C. served one of their famous chicken dinners, to which the coal men responded with justice. All expressed their appreciation of the splendid menu and the fine homelike service and food.

During the afternoon, the convention discussed various problems common to the trade.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR LATE MRS. MC MULLEN

Funeral services for Mrs. J. W. McMullen were held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 at the residence, 1304 Ottawa avenue, Rev. Carl Stackman officiating. The pall bearers were Walter Spencer, Calvin Spencer, Charles Spencer, Fred Spencer, Vet. Canfield and William Pearson.

Fewer Horses.

Despite the growth in population and increased areas under cultivation, the horse population of Los Angeles county, California, is now less than one-half as much as in 1900. The automobiles and motortrucks have increased from 6 to 79,146. The 47,000 horses in the county in 1900 were valued at \$5,000,000. In 1910 the drop in number was to 31,000, and in the ensuing six years to 20,000. The present automobile valuation is nearly \$100,000,000. Excellent road conditions are considered largely responsible for the above figures.

Positive Signs.

Even some public signs come direct to the point. They do not waste any time in wondering how the reader will feel about it.

In a garage is posted:
"Don't smoke around the tank. If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is."

His System.

Van Speederley—I'd like you to meet my wife, old top. I think that a bold, dashing fellow like you could get her away from me.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, December 22, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer thru Washington park as per specifications on file in city office.

W. W. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

CITY AND VICINITY ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Danport, Iowa, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Miller's parent, Dr. and Mrs. Barlette LaDue, in East Ottawa.

J. F. Shafer went to Chicago today on a short business trip.

Roy Gedney returned to his home in this city last night after a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Rosa Haines, of Champaign, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Scott Cleve, in this city.

Mrs. Ada C. Garden of Seneca is the guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Farrel in this city.

Misses Charys Jones and Beatrice Ladermen of Chicago are visiting Miss Helen Mayo at her home in South Ottawa.

P. J. Campbell and daughter Mae, former residents of this city, now living in Montana, are visiting Ottawa relatives and friends for a few days.

Mrs. James O'Loughlin and son Joseph, of Seneca, are visiting at the home of Mrs. O'Loughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Coughlin, 908 Jefferson street.

William Butler, of St. Paul, Minn., has been visiting his parents on Clinton street. Mr. Butler recently enlisted in the aviation corps and is the third member of the family to join the service.

G. W. Strawn will leave Monday for DeLeon Springs, Texas, where he will spend the winter.

Miss Harriet Kruse will arrive home this evening to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kruse, in this city.

Miss Charity Sanders went to Peoria yesterday to spend the week end with Miss Helen Chubbuck in that city.

Mrs. Anna Lee, of Montreal, has returned home after a visit with her father, S. G. Gay, in this city. Mrs. Lee has been doing relief work in the Canadian military hospital located at Montreal, recently, where the soldiers who are crippled and helplessly wounded by the war are cared for.

Dale Moran left yesterday for the Remount Station in South Carolina with Capt. Walter Palmer, where he will enlist in the remount service of the army.

Lieut. Strohmeyer is home from Camp Grant on account of the illness of his father.

Geo. P. Griffith, of Calgary, Canada, is visiting friends and relatives in Ottawa.

THORPE GOES TO JOLIET S. O. OFFICE

(Continued from page 1.)

Investigate W. H. Springhorn's request for reimbursement of \$1,150 on money lost by him in furnishing meals to the county and the matter was put over until the March meeting.

The committee on state charities claims recommended the payment of \$700 to various institutions the county.

Find Fine Scale.

An old-new scale, costing some years ago a goodly sum, was dug up today and re-presented to the Board of Supervisors by William Solomon, court-house janitor. The scale has never been used and is estimated to be worth \$150 or more. It was shipped and received by the county and all these years lay encased in its box.

It will service the purpose suggested by W. H. Stead in his communication to the board asking them to buy a modern scale for the county clerk.

HOW MATCH FIGURES IN WAR

Scarcity of Brimstone-Headed Sticks Results in Special Controller Being Named in England.

No commodity has had more adventures than the match. The announcement of the appointment of a special controller all to itself is a fitting climax to a checkered history, says the Manchester Guardian. In the memory of our grandparents the cumbersome "Prometheans" that sought to displace flint and steel were a high-priced luxury impossible to the poor.

In the memory of our fathers Henry George, for one, condemned the match as one of the articles that were "too cheap." He had in mind, of course, the sweating and the poisoning of workers that for too long went to the making of cheap matches.

Yet the popular insistence on cheap matches turned out of office a British chancellor of the exchequer and coined an immortal epigram; and the superiority of the matches that can normally be bought in this country over the flimsy, lifeless, expensive sorts sold across the channel under government control has given the free-trader one of his most homely and incontestable arguments. The British match must now suffer control.

Such matches as there are will be fairly apportioned at fixed prices. We do not doubt that there will be enough to go round, for, faced with a famine in some districts and with loose matches at 30 for a penny in others, people have already begun to make that economy in consumption which, with no greater sacrifice than a little care, might easily save a half of the matches burned.

But Not Quite

"Father, what is a glutton?" "A glutton is a grown man who can eat almost as much as a small boy."—Life.

When Baby was sick we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children she gave them Castoria.

Society Notes

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the First Congregational church will hold their annual Christmas party Monday evening in the parlors of the church. Supper will be served at 6:30 and the evening following the supper will be spent in an informal sewing party. Miss Anna Conrad is chairman of the supper committee, and the members of the east side committee will assist her.

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist church will hold their regular December meeting Tuesday evening, December 18th, in the parlors of the church. Supper will be served at 6:30. Judge W. H. Hinebaugh will give a talk on "The Man's Job in the Modern Church," and a patriotic program of music will be given. All men of the church are invited to attend.

About twenty guests were present at the social given by Rev. and Mrs. Carl Stackman, last night at the Congregational parsonage, for the young people of the church. The evening was spent in an informal social time and light refreshments were served by Mrs. Stackman.

The postponed annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Congregational church will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Carl Stackman, on Paul street. The annual election of officers will be held at this time.

The Santa Maria Court, Daughters of Isabella, of this city and the Starved Rock Chapter, of Utica, will initiate a large number of new members at a special meeting held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in Commercial hall. Mrs. Bertha Dorre, of Chicago, state regent of the organization, will be in Ottawa to attend this meeting. Thirteen members will be initiated into the Utica chapter, and the following fifteen women will be initiated into the local chapter: Mrs. Ella Ferriotti, Mrs. Mary Wolf Lawless, Miss Elizabeth J. Perchen, Mrs. Margaret McGuire, Miss Edna Wolf, Miss Hanna Roach, Miss Helen Dinneen, Miss Theresa Cull, Miss Ada Cull, Miss Theresa M. Gedney, Miss J. Blanche Payne, Miss Alice N. Mitchell and Miss Katherine W. Wesley, of this city, and Miss Marguerite Slatery and Miss Anna Higgins, of Seneca.

Mrs. William D. Fullerton entertained ten guests at a war dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of her nephew, Lieut. Leighton Yentzer, who left Thursday morning for Camp Dodge. The close friends of Lieut. Yentzer were present for this dinner and Lieut. Howard Morley was home to attend this dinner.

The Zetema Club met at the home of Miss Alice Graham Thursday evening. The time was spent in cutting surgical dressings for use in the surgical dressing classes at the high school.

Owing to the rush of the holiday season there will be no monthly board meeting of the Ottawa Woman's club, Tuesday, December 18th.

Wisdom of Our Ancestors.

Tell me whether it is right or wrong; if right I will do it; if wrong I will not. But never let me hear the word expedient.—Queen Victoria.

St. Paul's Gold Cross a Mark.

There is a feeling growing in city circles that steps should be taken to deepen the gleam of the cross and bell on St. Paul's cathedral, says the London Globe. It is pointed out that these were regilded shortly before the war, and that when the sun is shining brightly they afford a magnificent landmark for enemy airmen to indicate the whereabouts of the very center of the city of London.

It is stated that the shining cross can be seen many miles away with the naked eye.

Patrick's Pie Idea.

Patrick had called on his Betsy and she gave him a handsome helping of her special make of apple pie. Patrick was loud in its praise.

"I tried a new way," said Betsy, humming. "I put a few gooseberries in to flavor it."

"Begorra!" cried Patrick, "if a few gooseberries give so good a flavor to an apple pie, what a darling of an apple pie it would be made of gooseberries entirely!"

British Columbia Shipbuilding.

The steel steamer War Dog, the first ship of its type to be built in British Columbia, was recently launched at Vancouver. The War Dog, with a length of 315 feet, is also the first steel cargo vessel to be built in that province. The contract was placed by a Japanese steamship company through an English firm. Since the steamer was launched she has been sold to a British firm.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Furnished room; also two-room suite with modern conveniences. An ideal location for two or three young ladies. Center Ottawa. Reference exchange. Inquire this office.

FOUND—A pocket book at noon today. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

WANTED—Young man to drive electric delivery. Good wages. Apply T. R. Goffrey.

OTTAWA CUTS ITS BOND COUPONS TODAY

Interest on the first Liberty Loan bonds falls due today. It is estimated the interest to be paid in this city on the bond is about \$1,300. However, not many people will collect their interest at this time. The interest can be left and collected at anytime in the next few years, collected today or turned in on other Liberty bonds.

Every bank in the city will collect the coupons and pay the interest any time after tomorrow.

TRINITY CHURCH TO FLY SERVICE FLAG

The following program will be given during the regular Sunday school session of the Trinity United Evangelical church at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, when a service flag will be unfurled in honor of the nine boys who have left the school to enter the various national cantonnments:

Battle Hymn of the Republic—School.

Messages from the boys—Supt. John Roemer.

Song—Ladies quartette.

Presentation of the Service Flag—Miss Olive E. Barr.

Response—Rev. Divan.

Solo, "We'll Never Let Our Old Flag Fall"—Mrs. Max Meckenstock.

These boys will be honored:

Walter C. Lindemann, Oscar A. Seifert, Ralph Rutledge, Benj. J. Reider, Arthur Seward, Merton Seward, Walter Hartshorn, Harold Duncan, H. L. Larson.

CHAS. PRAY IS NOW AN AMERICAN SAILOR

Charles Pray of this city left Joliet yesterday morning for Chicago where he would be assigned to a cantonment camp, for training in the coast artillery division of the aviation section. Pray enlisted at the Joliet recruiting office Thursday.

He was accompanied by Joseph Vocco of Marseilles and Friend H. Ness, of Charleston, who had also enlisted in the aviation section. Ness was in the draft but he received a special telegraphic instruction from the war department in answer to his petition that he be given a place as expert repairman in the aviation section.

B. Y. P. U. TO HAVE CHARGE OF MEETING

The Alpha Group of the B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the 6:15 meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night. The topic will be "Ideals," and the following program has been arranged:

Assembly Call—Charles Devore.

Song, "America"—By Group.

Scripture Reading—Miss Arvilla Johnson.

Prayer—Rev. G. R. Wood.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Fred Bern.

Remarks—Mrs. H. McCullough.

National Ideals—Miss Maude Devore.

Piano Solo—Miss Ida Clements.

"How to Attract National Ideals"—F. M. DeLapp.

"Education of the Individual"—Miss Myrtle Devore.

"War or Peace—Which?"—Rev. Chosman.

Reading—Mrs. Kincheloe.

Violin Solo—Ora Werner.

Song—By Group.

Prayer.

Beware of It!

There are two kinds of ignoble old age. One is decrepit, bony, tottering to the grave. It is the kind which moralists can use as a warning and a test. The other is the infinitely more dangerous kind. It reveals a sound constitution beneath the rags and defflement. It cannot be used as a text for it works the other way. It seems to show that a man may drink, loaf and otherwise transgress, and yet keep going physically.—Atlantic Monthly.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Two Reel Keystone

SUNDAY.

A Great Fox Picture

Virginia Pearson In

'Thou Shalt Not Steal'

—MONDAY—

Wonderful

Emmy Wehlen In

'The Outsider'

5c and 15c

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TONIGHT ONLY

Vivian Martin

—IN—

The Trouble Buster

7-10:30 Night 5-15c

Coming Monday and Tuesday

Madge Kennedy In

'Nearly Married'

2-5 7-10:30

Matinee 5-10c Night 5-15c

Let it be for his auto

You can't get a gift for the person who owns an automobile that will be more appreciated than something for his car.

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Spot Lights	Shock Absorbers
Tires and Tubes	Vulcanizers
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| Comfy Slippers— | For men, dark green with plaid red and black cuffs, also one made in gray. |
| | For ladies, made with pompons in pink, blue, lavender, gray and black, \$1.25 to \$2.00. |
| Felt Slippers— | For children, red and dark blue. These have decorated vamps and make inexpensive gifts, 75 and 85 cents. |
| | For men and ladies, nicely made in black, 95c and \$1.00. |
| Boudoir Slippers— | For ladies, made up in red, blue, pink and black colors, with pompons. |
| Bella Slippers— | \$1.65 and \$1.85. |
| Leather House Slippers— | For men and boys, the plain, Everett style or elastic sides, \$1.25 to \$3.00. |
| Dancing Slippers— | For ladies, made up with full Louis heel, beaded vamps and of best dull kid leather, \$6.00. |
| Fancy Boots— | For Ladies—Brown, Gray, and Black Kid, \$5, \$6.50 to \$7.50. |

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The Kind of Christmas That Every Real American Wants



He does not want non-service knick-knacks given to him. He does not want foolish extravagances. He does want simple, sensible, usable things for he never finds he has too many of them. He wants the kind of things he buys for himself. But he knows today, possibly more than ever before, how essential it is to buy good things, dependable things, quality things—the kind he finds in this Men's store.

Cravats	Hosiery	Fur Caps
Silk Shirts	Umbrellas	Furlined Overcoats
Flannel Shirts	Pajamas	Canes
Collars	Sweater Coats	Umbrellas
Mufflers	Smoking Coats	Belts
Scarfs	Dressing Robes	Traveling Bags
Waist Coats	Rain Coats	Union Suits
Gloves		Articles of Jewelry

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